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BE OPENED TO-DAY.

MOUNT VERNON'S NEW EPISCOPAL CHURCH READY FOR USE.

FINE STRUCTURE ERECTED ON CHESTER HILL

he new Caurch of the Ascension, in Mount Vernon. will be opened to-day with impressive services, morning and evening. A special musical programme has been prepared under the direction of Thomas E. the chofrmaster. In the morning the offertory anthem will be "Send Out Tay Light," by Gouned, and in the evening the Inflammatus from will be assisted by a number of visiting clergymen, and in the absence of Bishop Potter, Bishop Neeley of Maine is expected to be present. The new church, which is the only one on Caester Hill, includes among its membership many well-known New-York business men who have their homes there. It was founded in galleries, however, as soon as the new tanks are May, 1890, using the structure belonging to the in place, because this is the most favorable po

Springfield. He was lately chosen one of the speakers at the Church conference held in Norfolk, Va., and his paper. "Do We Need Hierarchy" created a profound impression. He is a graduate of Princeton and of the General Theological Seminary.

The wardens and vestrymen of the new church were elected last week, and are as follows: Warden, to serve two years, John Long, one year, James H. Jenkins: vestrymen, to serve three years, Charles A. Breck, Isaac G. Scrantom and Ernest G. Wathen: two years, Alfred E. Guiton, Daniel W. Lapman and John Utz; one year, Resolvert N. Goodrich, William W. Lord, Jr., and Arthur Taylor.

TO OPEN THE NEW AQUARIUM.

COMMISSIONER STILES TELLS OF THE MANY INTERESTING SPECIMENS WHICH FILL THE TANKS.

President McMillan, of the Park Board, has given out the following announcement regarding the opening of the Aquarium on Thursday next: "The Committee on the Aquarium has reported to the Board of Commissioners of Public Parks that the work of remodelling the building has advanced to such a point that the admission of visitors will not interfere with its completion, and that, although the pools and tanks now ready for occupation are not yet fully stocked, they already contain a collection of great interest. The Commissioners therefore have adopted a resolution to open the main floor of the building to the public on Thursday, December 8, at 10 o'clock a. m., and thereafter until further notice between the hours of 10 morning and 4 in the afternoon every day except Sundays and Mondays."

Commissioner Stiles, chairman of the Aquarium Committee, said to a reporter last evening, in reply estions, that the Aquarium would undoubtedly be open on Sundays after New Year's when the appropriation would permit the increased staff of assistants which will be needed. It is probable that the place will be closed as a rule some one day every week, a practice which has invariably been found necessary in all large aquariums For the present visitors will be excluded from the for the reason that repairs are going but it will hardly be possible to stock all the fiftysix gallery tanks with desirable species until warmer weather permits the transportation of fish from Bermuda, the Gulf of Mexico and other Southern ports. Visitors will be admitted to the galleries, however, as soon as the new tanks are



THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

ave. The rector at that time was the Rev. Francis M. S. Taylor, who still holds the office. The church grew so rapidly that it obtained possession of the handsome property at Park and Sydney aves., and the congregation was twice compelled to enlarge the building before beginning the erection of the present structure and also the beautiful rectory adjoining

The cornerstone was laid in February, 1896, by Bishop Potter, assisted by the clergy of the diocese. tory was finished on October 1, and the rector and his family moved in. The church is a Gothic structure, and is built of local stone, with quarryfaced walls, with Lake Superior red sandstone for dress work and salmon-colored brick for jambs and arches. The plan consists of a nave and alsles, baptistry, open-timbered porch, north and south transepts, apsidal chancel, organ chamber, sacristy and robing room. At the crossing rises a lantern tower, surmounted by a pyramidal spire, flanked by turrets and terminating with a gilded cross. The roofs are slated. The old church adjoins the building. nd will be occupied as a parish house and Sandayschool room. The rectory, a frame building, stands on the north side, and an open plazza gives access

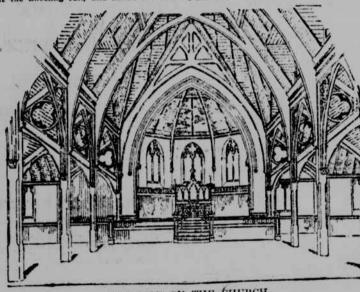
The interior shows to advantage the open-timber yellow pine. The chancel is approached through a

Swedenborgians, then at Prospect-st. and Fulton- | sition for examining the fish in the pools on the Aquarium floor.

that these specimens will be secured next spring, and meanwhile the pools will be inhabited by smaller species. These are not seen to as good advantage, however, near the level of the eye, as they are from the galleries above.

varied collection than the present one, but already have eighty species of fish, besides seals,

of the roofs, supported by posts and arches of w pine. The chancel is approached through a proportioned masonry arch by three steps, with her at the kneeling rail, and inside the latter



INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH.

three more steps give the elevation to the altar platform. The memorial altar is the gift of E. B. Wesley, and is of pure white marble, with delicately colored marble shafts, carved caps, moulded bases and a panel inlaid with the sacred monogram. The reredos rises to the altar window, about 19 feet 6 inches in height, and is of the same material. The panels contain angels carved in relief, with symbols referring to the Holy Eucharist. The panels are arched, with gabled canoples terminating in a rich cresting. The work, together with the marble and mosale flooring, is a memorial to Mrs. E. B. Wesley and her children, and was designed by the architect of the church, Henry M. Congdon, of No. 18 Broadway, New-York City. The haptistry, which is near the main entrance, is surrounded by a mosale floor raised by steps above that of the flave. Temporary panels are used in all the windows, But there is ample to the kind in the world."

THE CHURCH.

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Among the gifts and memorials to be placed in the new church is the window in the baptistry by George Coleman in memory of his wife, also a handsome Coleman in memory of his wife, also a handsome Coleman in memory of his wife, also a handsome Coleman in the chancel rail by J. T. Robb in memory of Clifton Bolton, for a long time associated with him in business. The memorials that will be taken from the oid church are as follows: Brass easie lectern given by Charles A. Breek, brass pulpt; by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Robb, brass corons by Thomas Dennison, candelabra by Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, ir., gothle brass font cover by James Dennison, large portile brass font cover by James Dennison, large officiory plate by E. J. Wathen, brass litany desk presented by Mrs. Boyd, double prayer desk by Miss Gill, lavabo by Mrs. Thomas Dennison and communion silves by Mrs. Thomas Dennison and communion silves by Mrs. Thomas Dennison and communion silves by Mrs. Homes Dennison in the success of the work, the srowth of the church on the success of the work, the srowth of the church has been almost phenomenal, and indicates that the people and their rector have worked harmoniously bit together. The rector, who has built the new structure, has held many important positions in the turn, having been dean in St. Paul's Cathedral, in Indianapolis, and Archdeacon of the Diocee of planting the contraction of the Church, having been dean in St. Paul's Cathedral, in Indian

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dinner was arranged by County Clerk Wrightson and Assistant Prosecutor Hood, of Essex County chers as Hood's Barsaparilla to all other sarsaparillas his position as Judge of the Essex County Court of Common Pleas to take the place made vacant by the death of Judge Green, of the United States Circuit Court, Saveral personal friends of the Judge of the Judge Green, of the United States Circuit Court, Saveral personal friends of the Judge of their regard, a sliver loving-cup, suitably inwrited.

On December 2 the Lehigh Valley Railroad Com On December 2 the Lenigh Valley Relifond Com-pany began running a new express through to Buf-falo without change. It leaves New-York daily, ex-cept Sundays, at 8:30 p. m., and arrives at 8 a. m. The train consists of standard day coaches and modern Pullman sleeping-cars.

HIS INJURIES MAY RESULT FATALLY. William Erhman, seventeen years old, of Hempterday afternoon and severely injured in a runaway accident. Erhman was driving through the village, when the horse became frightened and started off at full speed. After running a considerstarted off at full speed. After running a considerable distance, the animal finally swung the buggy into a tree, throwing Erhman out with great force, breaking his left arm and one of his legs. His head, face and hands are hedly cut and bruised, and it is feared that he is injured internally. The buggy was completely wrecked. Erhman was picked up unconscious and taken to his home, where he was attended by a doctor, who said that his injuries would probably result fatally.

A DINNER FOR JUDGE KIRKPATRICK. A dinner was given last evening at Deimonico's for Judge Andrew Kirkpatrick, of New-Jersey. The dinner was arranged by County Clerk Wrightson

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FLYING DISTRESS SIGNALS.

THE STEAMER NEW-YORK PASSES THE GLEN-DOWER, WHICH IS IN TROUBLE-W. C. REICK

AND E. S. DRONE ARRIVE HOME. The American Line steamship New-York, which when two days out from Southampton, passed the tramp steamer Glendower flying signals saying that she was leaking from a hole in her bow above the water line, having struck some unknown object, but that she could proceed on her way withleft New-York on November 14, bound for Hamburg in cargo. When passed by the New-York she was making for the nearest port on the Irish coast, from which she was distant about 540 miles. She was reported again on December 1, about the same distance off the coast. She has not yet been heard from as arriving at any port.

Among the passengers on the New-York were W. C. Reick, E. S. Drone, Tempie F. Craig, Lieutenant Paul Calm, W. J. Ewing, William Haydon, Mrs. William Vernon, Hamilton Fish Webster and General Louis H. Warren.

CELEBRATING ITS ANNIVERSARY.

THE REV. DR. GEORGE ALEXANDER SPEAKS AT THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL.

The twenty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the Presbyterian Hospital, at Seventieth-st. and Madison-ave., was celebrated yesterday in the dispensary building of the hospital. consisted of music, Scripture reading, prayer and an address by the Rev. Dr. George Alexander, of the University Place Presbyterian Church. Alexander Maitland presided, in the absence of Presi dent John S. Kennedy. The hospital was open for inspection from 1:30 until 6 o'clock, and a large number of visitors availed themselves of the oppor tunity to inspect the building. The annual report shows that 23,156 persons received treatment at the hospital in the year ending September 30 last.

The Rev. Dr. Alexander in his address spoke the relation of charity to Christianity. He said that at one time the sick were allowed to die in the street, but where the spirit of Christianity had come the presence of sickness induced a different

spirit.

Among those present were William K. Hinman, William F. Havemeyer, William V. S. Thorne, J. Cleveland Cady, Hugh D. Auchincloss, George E. Dodge, Francis B. Griffin, Elbert A. Brinckerhoff, J. Crosby Brown, William B. Isham, Donald Mac-Kay and the Rev. James D. Steele.

A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD SUICIDE.

BECAUSE HER MOTHER WHIPPED HER, THIS GIRL DRANK CARBOLIC ACID.

Annie Decker, tweive years old, committed suicide yesterday by taking carbolic acid. She lived at No. four species of turties, three species of frogs, forty invertebrates, such as oysters, mussels, starfish, crabs and the like. The exhibit of trout and of land-iccked salmon is especially good, including altogether ten species of the salmon family, some from Europe. Many of the individual fish are superb specimens. The fresh-water fish have nearly all been obtained by gift from the State Fish Commission of New-York, New-Hampshire and Maine, and the United States Fish Commission has contributed a number of fine species.

"The waters adjacent to New-York are very rich in mache life, and future supplies will be drawn largely from here, although we can transport without much cost or trouble in tank schooners, as now constructed, many beautiful forms from Berwinds and Planking and the content of the species of the salmon from Berwinds and Planking and the content of the species of the salmon family some from Early and the life. She called at the house of Mrs. C. Glibride, of Avenue and East Second-st., and said she was ill. Mrs. Called in Dr. Dusseldorf, who diagnosed her case as one of carbolic acid poisoning. The bottle containing the poison was found in front of Mrs. Glibride and was found in front of Mrs. Glibride abuse. The label had been torn off. Ambulance Surgeon Reynolds removed her to the Source of the salmon family some from European Reynolds removed her to the Source of Captain Colling and the house of Mrs. C. Glibride, of Avenue and East Second-st., and said she was ill. Mrs. Called in Dr. Dusseldorf, who diagnosed her case as due of carbolic acid poisoning. The bottle containing the poison was found in front of Mrs. Glibride abuse. The label had been torn off. Ambulance and East Second-st. and said she was ill. Mrs. Called in Dr. Dusseldorf, who diagnosed her case as due of carbolic acid poisoning. The bottle called in Dr. Dusseldorf, who diagnosed her case as due of carbolic acid poisoning. The bottle called in Dr. Dusseldorf, who diagnosed her case as due of carbolic acid poisoning. The bottle case as Vanderbilt-ave. He was arrested at 6 o'clock by Captain Collins, of the Twenty-third Precinct, charged with having sold the poison to the girl and failing to register the sale.

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Supreme Court—Special Torm—Part VIII—Before —,

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8233, 9589, 8086, 9578, 9497, 9529, 8524, 9743, 8527,

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Nos. 3003, 3134, 1338, 4428, 3476, 4578, 4585, 4697, 4693,

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Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part VI—Before Freedman, J.—Causes to be sent from Part VI—Before Gibler—sleeve, J.—Nos. 3870, 3881, 4644, 4834, 4835, 3310, 3365, 8835, 3744, 4854, 4857, 4839, 4855, 4872, 4882, 4873, 4839, 4855, 4882, 4874, 4854, 4854, 4857, 4839, 4855, 4882, 4882, 4887, 4839, 4855, 4882, 4882, 4887, 4839, 4855, 4882, 4882, 4887, 4839, 4855, 4882, 4882, 4887, 4839, 4856, 4887, 4839, 4856, 4872, 4839, 4857, 4839, 4856, 4872, 4839, 4856, 4872, 4839, 4856, 4872, 4839, 4856, 4872, 4839, 4856, 4872, 4839, 4856, 4872, 4839, 4856, 4872, 4839, 4856, 4872, 4839, 4856, 4872, 4839, 4856, 4872, 4872, 4856, 4872, 48

Matter of Parsons-Eiward D. O'Brien. Kuiser agt. Schwab-Augustus C. Brown. Cooke agt. Lee-Martin J. Beriey, RECEIVER APPOINTED.

A STEADILY INCREASING DEMAND FOR A

ASSOCIATION WHICH AIMS TO SECURE ROLLED ALREADY-THE VICE-

The association organized nearly a fortnight ago to agitate for the erection of a new Hall of Rec-ords is daily securing more influential additions to its membership, and it proposes without delay to give practical effect to the aims for which it was promoted. A meeting of the association will be held at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon in the Real Estate Exchange, No. 59 Liberty-st., and resolutions binding the members to co-operate in securing action on the part of the proper authorities to authorize the erection of a new and safer repository for the city's records will be presented. repository for the city's records will be presented.

As indicating the general demand for a new Register's Hall, it was said yesterday that from 2.500 invitations to join the association issued a few days ago a thousand replies have already been received, the respondents including some of the best-known professional men in the city.

Amount them are the following who have con-Among them are the following, who have con-sented to become vice-presidents: Wheeler H. Peckham, E. W. Coggeshall, Clarence H. Kelsey, Richard V. Hartnett, John M. Bewers, A. D. Julillard, Hugh J. Grant, John A. Stewart, Ferdinand Levy, Edward Lauterbach, Charles S. Fairchild, James C. Carter, John A. McCall, L. J. Phillips, John Jacob Astor, Judge Ernest Hall, E. W. Bloomingdale, Henry Lewis Morris, Jefferson M. Levy, James L. Wells, John Duer, John E. Parsons, John Webber, Henry W. Eaton, Sigmund Neustadt, Eugene A. Philbin, Henry E. Howland, Charles E. Strong, Michael J. Coleman, William C. Sturges, James McMahon, David L. Einstein, John Harsen Rhoades, Charles A. Peabody, Jr., John De Witt Warner, Frederick De P. Forster, Wilbur Larremore and E. Ellery Anderson.

John D. Crimmins has been selected as president of the association, and Thomas H. Baskerville as secretary. S. Stanwood Menken is at the head of the Executive Committee, which is made up of real estate lawyers and brokers. It is expected that in the coming week the membership of the organization will be increased to 7,000 or 8,000. In the course of an interview Mr. Menken said yesterday to a Tribune reporter that the organizers of the movement had already found the greatest enthusiasm among the people who had been approached on the subject, and that the prospects pointed to a successful outcome of the association's efforts.

"Investigation has emphasized," he continued, "the startling conditions which exist, and the great peril to which the records are exposed. The absolute disregard with which the public treat original deeds has only been discovered after inquiry among the real-extate lawyers of the association, and the results prove that in case of con-flagration the title of every piece of real estate in this city would be the subject of attack by suit, and that no one desirous of disposing of real estate could sell much more than a lawsuit. Of course, a fire amone the records of the County Clerk's or Surrogates' offices would have the same effect in imperilling real-estate business, and the officers of the association feel sure that, now the public attention has been called to their work, they will succeed, if they only have a reasonable amount of support. They have issued membership blanks and sent out a call to the members of the Real Estate Exchange, the Lawyers' Title Insurance Company and the clients of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company. They will also have blank forms of membership in the Real Estate Auction Rooms, Nos. 18 Liberty-st. and 111 Broadway. As any one can join by sending his name to the secretary, and without payment of any dues, there is no reason why the membership should not be the evidence of the exact amount of public interest in the work.

The officers of the association have already found that there will be considerable work for them to do, inasmuch as there is a great diversity of opinion as to what plan is best. They find that those who favor a Register's Office in the park are apt partially to condemn those in favor of acquiring a site elsewhere. They have to decide whether an office shall be erected for the housing of the records of the Register only, or whether the proposed structure shall accommodate the Surrogates', County Clerk's and Register's offices. Those who favor a slie in the park point to the fact that a building erected upon the ground occupied by the present old brownston; courthouse would be suitable and large enough to accommodate all the offices, and at the same time take up no more room than is at present occupied by this present old brownston; counting would be forced taking any steps, to consult with this city would be the subject of attack by and that no one desirous of disposing of real es-

CHURCH PROPERTY TRANSFERRED. Archbishop Corrigan, Monsignor Farley, the Rev. John E. Burke, Washington Parker and Charles H. Newton, as trustees of the Church of St. Benedict the Moor, obtained leave yesterday from Justice Lawrence, in the Supreme Court, to transfer the

ing their accounts passed upon and approved. By his will William Astor left \$50,000 to his daughter, Mrs. Helen Roosevelt, and named the plaintiffs a Mrs. Helen Roosevell, and named the plaintiffs as trustees for her. Mrs. Roosevelt died in 1866, but did not dispose by will of the estate, and the trus-tees paid the \$50,000 to her two children, James R. Roosevelt, Jr., and Helen Roosevelt. The present suit is simply a formal proceeding to enable the courts to pass upon the accounts of the trust.

FEAR DELAY IN STREET IMPROVEMENT. At a meeting of the Schnorer Club, of Morrisania, held at its clubhouse, One-hundred-and-sixty-third-st, and Eagle-ave., on Friday evening, the following mously adopted:

mously adopted:

Whereas, The tentative plan submitted by the sub-committee of the Greater New-York Commission provides for a division of the city into boroughs, whereby the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards are to comprise the "borough of the Broux," and the work of street improvement therein is to be carried on under a deputy appointed by an authority far remote from said Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards, thus abolishing the present Department of Street Improvements, the Commissioner of which is elected by the citizens of the two wards,

Resolved, That we, the Schnorer Club, urge upon the Greater New-York Commission the importance of leaving the present Department unchanged, believing that to disturb the autonomy of the same would be retrogression to a condition that would prove detrimental to the interests of the citizens of this section of the city.

CLOSING PRICES SAN FRANCISCO STOCKS.

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Chicago, December 5, 1896

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Holiday Merchandise and Holiday Buyers

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We are determined to make this week a record-breaker in bookselling. To do this we shall offer many leading lines of Holiday Books at prices never before attempted, and which cinnot be approached anywhere.

It means the selling of Three Dollar Books for one dollar, and Dollar Books for 35 and 50 cents. It means that this will be the greatest opportunity of this holiday-

buying month to purchase Library Sets, superb Art Books and line after line of standard and popular books for young and cli.

Sixth Avenue, 19th to 20th Street.

TRACTION COMPANY PLANS.

NEW MOTIVE POWER IN SIXTH, EIGHTH AND MADISON AVES .- THE CABLE IN BROADWAY TO REMAIN.

Despite rumors to the contrary, it was learned yesterday that the Metropolitan Traction Company will not change the motive power of the Broadway Lexington and Columbus-ave, lines, or, at any rate, not for some time to come. It was asserted yesterday morning that the ruling authorities of the company, at a meeting held on Thursday night, decided to do away with the cable system and subcided to do away with the cable system and sub-stitute some other power in Broadway. It was hinted also that at this meeting the contention between William Whitney and John D. Crimmins as to the kind of motive power had been decided in favor of the latter.

But from the most trustworthy information obtained yesterday, it seems that both assertions are without foundation. The meeting referred to was held two weeks ago, and it was then unanimously decided to continue the cable system in Broadway, but to introduce new motive power upon the Sixth, Eighth and Madison-ave, lines. President Vreeland was not at the company's offices yesterday afternoon, and the other officials, with that reticence which is usually displayed at the Cable Building, declined to say what the new power would be. Inquiries in other directions, however, pointed to the likelihood of the underground electric system being

John D. Crimmir.s, when seen yesterday afternoon said to a Tribune reporter: "The directors decided as long ago as a fortnight to leave the motive power of the Broadway lines as it is. It may not be entirely satisfactory, but, everything taken into consideration, it is the best that we can do. The directors are unanimous in deciding upon this, and

directors are unanimous in deciding upon this, and I cannot understand why this fact has not yet become public knowledge. Once having determined a question of this kind, there is no reason why it should not be given out for publication, and I cannot understand why such secrecy should be observed at the offices of the company.

"At the meeting I have referred to we also agreed upon measures that will considerably lessen the pressure upon the Broadway traffic. The use of horsecars on Sixth, Eighth and Madison aves, will be discontinued, and some other power substituted. The lines will be equipped with entirely new cars, and new rails will be laid along Church-st., in order that the Sixth and Eighth-ave, cars may run right through to the Battery. If necessary, we shall run the new cars upon a quarter of a minute headway. The effect of these new provisions will be to considerably releve the congestion in Broadway. We expect to begin work on the new lines in the spring."

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H. M. Lattell, the general manager of the Metropolitan Traction Company, also denied that any change was to be made on the Broadway line, for the reason, as he states, that, of all the tried motive systems, the cable was the best suited to the traffic in that thoroughfare.

CITY GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS.

The reduction of the cost of asphalt paving in this city since the advent of Mayor Strong's ad-ministration two years ago is one of the advantages which has resulted to the city and its tax-payers from the defeat of Tammany Hall. The payers from the defeat of Tammany Hall. The average cost of asphalt pavement with the fifteen years' guarantee under the last year of Tammany Hall administration (1894) was \$3.71 a square yard. Gradually under the present Mayor the cost has gone down. In 1896 it fell to an average cost of \$3.33. To July 1, 1896, it has receded to \$2.78, and since that date the contracts made by the Public Works. Department, have averaged only \$2.35. Works Department have averaged only \$2.38 a without any practical change in the cost of asphalt. For every \$1,000,000 expended for asphalt paving in New-York the city now gets eight miles more pavement under Mayor Strong than it got under his predecessors from the Wigwam. According to his predecessors from the wigwam. According 33 per these figures, the city is not only saving 33 per cent on its paving, but the work itself is better done, and the streets and roadways are in better condition than formerly. For the four years prior to 1834 it has been shown that, with the exception of one year, the cost of asphalt paving to the of one year, the cost of asphalt paving to the city was above \$3.71 a square yard. In 1890 the average cost was \$4.01; in 1891, \$3.63; in 1892, \$3.81, and in 1893 it was \$3.81. Under the present administration it has been demonstrated that asphalt is available for heavy traffic, where the grades will permit, as well as for residence streets. Favoritism has been abolished, and contractors may pave with asphalt brought from elsewhere than Trinidad. But they have been required to fuifil the stipulations of their agreements. Thus the city, has been immensely benefited, both in the cost of its pavements and in their character and durability.

Supervisors' Greater New-York Committee at the City Hall yesterday. The Conscript Fathers of New-York have lost interest in the business since Brooklyn secured the chairmanship. This came about through a spilt among the New-York mem-bers over a measure before the Board. It was said yesterday that another meeting of the committee was improbable.

The city's receipts for licenses have largely increased since the new ordinance regarding push-carts and street venders went into effect. Mayor's Marshal Healey reports collections amounting to \$21,979 75 in the last three weeks.

Major Cushing, the assistant superintendent of carts of the Street Cleaning Department, yesterday presented to the employes of the Department, who had won prizes at the recent Horse Show the banners of blue, red and yellow, representing the first, second and third premiums for the best carts, second and third premiums for the best carts, horses and harness in the special class for ash and garbage carts. There were money prizes awarded in each case by the Herse Show directors amounting respectively to \$50, \$25 and \$10, but it was decided that it was better to spend the money for banners instead of giving the money to the men who drove the prize-winning carts. The drivers who won the prizes were: Stable 1, Daniel Donnelly; Stable A, John Connors; Stable G, Patrick McGowan.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FINANCES.

The special committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church appointed last May to make a careful examination into the finances of the make a careful examination into the finances of the organization has been in session for two days at No. 155 Fifth-ave., and has for the present completed its task. Its report, which is to be presented in full to the General Assembly next May, shows that the investments of the church are in a satisfactory condition, and that its accounts are being handled in a careful and businesslike manner. The



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We have made a thorough examination of the securities of the Board, and of the books and accounts of the treasurer's office, with the aid of a public auditor, and it gives us satisfaction to state that the accounts are being kept with accuracy and business ability, and that the income from investments has been realized with unusual promptness.

We feel warranted in appealing to the churches to stand loyally by the work being conducted by the Board, and urge immediate and liberal contributions to meet the emergency which is just now upon us. We are confident that the interest of the great cause which we all have at heart will be greatly promoted, not only for the present, but for the future, if generous and immediate responses be made to the urgent appeals now being sent out.

The members of the Investigating Committee were the Rev. Dr. W. P. Kane, of Chicago, chairman; Judge R. N. Willson, of Philadelphia; S. M. Clement, of Buffalo; S. P. Harison, of Pittsburg; Robert Pictarn, of Pittsburg; L. W. Wagg, of Chicago; the Rev. Dr. John Dixon, of Newark; the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Dickey, of Philadelphia, and Daniel P.

RAINES ON DR. PARKHURST'S LETTER.

When Senator Raines left this city for his home in Canandaigua yesterday, he did not apparently carry any great appreciation for the letter that Dr. Parkhurst sent him on the day before, in lieu of appearing as a witness before the Raines Law Investigating Committee. The clergyman will not be allowed to confine his testimony to that letter, not if Senator Raines knows himself. To be sure, he goes to Buffalo this week, but within a fortnight be and the other

Senators will return to this city, and they will the summon Dr. Parkhurst before them to prove upon the witness stand what he has asserted by letter. When asked what he thought of the letter yesterday Senator Raines responded: "Oh, it was written to make trouble, like others from the same pen. It was characterized with the same petty spirit that pervades characterized with the same petty spirit that pervades the man." The Senator said he had no doubt that Dr. Parkhurst was really obliged to be out of town. He added that the doctor certainly had backbone, at

"We shall call him as a witness," he went on.
"We wish to find out upon what he bases his charges.
His letter was full of atterments, but without proof.
Proof is what we want, and we shall give Dr. Parehurst a chance to substantiate his criticisms."
Senator Raines was particularly impressed with the
idea that the investigation had brought out the fact
that the Building Department and the Department
of Police were not doing the duty required of them
under his law. "If they had," he said, "they could
close three out of every four of the fake hotels."
The Senator promised that when the committee returned to this city before Christmas he would summon witnesses from the Building Department and the
District-Attorney's office. He added that he wanted
further information about the pains taken to enforce
the law.

OF INTEREST TO MANUFACTURERS.
The Baltimore and Ohio South Western Railwas, extending from Parkersburg, West Virginia, through Southern Ohio, Indiana and Illinois to St. Louis, with direct connection to all principal points in the United States, is making particular endeavor to induce the location of factories on the line of its Road, and has arranged for co-operation on the part of the towns located on it.

Correspondence with Manufacturers desiring location is solicited. Address George F. Rasselph, General Traffic Manager, Cincinnati, Ohio.